

# Seneca Presbyterian Church

January 9, 2022

## THE CALL

*“Grounded in Faith ~ Growing to Serve”*



# WEEKLY CELEBRATION OF THE RESURRECTION

Baptism of the Lord

10:00 a.m. Worship

January 9, 2022

## GATHERING

### WELCOME AND GREETING

### PRELUDE

### SILENT PRAYER OF PREPARATION

God of yesterday, today and tomorrow, your love and grace is always an unexpected miracle. We believe, yet we pray that you would help our unbelief. When worry comes our way and doubt seeks a place to lodge deep within us, help us to trust in you and fill us with hope in your steadfast love. In the name of your Son Jesus we pray. Amen.

### POURING OF THE WATER

#### Sung Response:

*You Belong to Christ*

Hymn # 492

You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Isaiah 43:1

One: But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel:

**All: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.**

One: Let us worship God!

### \*GATHERING PRAYER

### \*HYMN #15

*All Creatures of Our God and King*

### PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

**Holy God, hear our prayer for the mending of hearts torn apart by dismissive words and acts of unkindness. Hear our prayer for the healing of souls threatened by the despair found in the world around us. Hear our prayer for forgiveness of persistent sins that we have allowed to fester in our lives. And hear our prayer for the healing of the divisions in our world that condemn us.**

**We pray for courage to admit our faults and the strength to amend our actions. We pray for hope inspired by your grace to us in Jesus Christ our Lord. It is in his name that we pray as we turn to you with our personal confessions in silence.**

Sung Response:

*Lamb of God*

Hymn #604

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace; grant us peace.

Declaration of Forgiveness

\*Congregational Response

*Glory Be to the Father*

Hymn #581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen

## THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### FIRST LESSON

Psalm 36:1-12

### ANTHEM

*Holy Spirit*

### A TIME FOR OUR YOUNG DISCIPLES

### SECOND LESSON

I Thessalonians 1:1-10

### SERMON

“Faith in the Above and Beyond”

Dr. Hartman

### \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles’ Creed

**I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty, from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND OURSELVES

Musical Offering

*God of Wonders*

\*Doxology 606

*Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow*

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*Prayer of Dedication

### CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH AND LORD’S PRAYER

## SENDING

### CLOSING HYMN

*Down to the River*

### \*CHARGE and BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

\*Let those who are able stand

## **We’d Love to Have You Join Us . . .**

To those newly worshipping with us we warmly welcome you to our congregation. You are invited to join us for any and all of the activities and opportunities we provide. Please let us know if we can serve you in any way. We also extend an invitation to unite with this church. Periodically we offer a series of Inquirer's Classes that explore the meaning of church membership in our Presbyterian tradition. Those interested in membership are encouraged to participate in these classes. If you are interested in conversation about membership, do not hesitate to call the church office at 882-2505 at any time.

**OFFERING ENVELOPES FOR 2022** are now in Knohl Hall. Your envelopes will have your name listed on them. Please be sure you pick up the correct box. If you do not currently have a box of envelopes, please contact the church office and we will be glad to assign you one.

## Prayer Requests

**Church Family:** Nancy Allgood, Priscilla Byars, Fynn DeHay, Sally Fortune, Karen Gomez, Kaki Harmon, Larry Josey, Judy Kellner, Maria Leitner, Janet May, Chet Palmer, Pep Seales, Beti Strobeck, Pat Williams and Nancy Wilson.

**Extended Church Family:** Eileen Andruszka (sister of Ken Andruszka,) Debbie Brewer (cousin of Charlotte McDonald), Carol Conger (Helen Kelly's sister), Bill Cullison (brother of Sally Fortune), Dave & Minnie (friends of Jean Reinking), David (friend of Donna McIntire), Robert Doucet (brother-in-law of Paul LaRoche), Henry Gambrell (brother of Carla Honea), Scott Gawlik (son of Betty Gawlik), Evans Harris (husband of Pat Harris), Donna Giudici (friend of Nancy & Jon Young), Linda Kelly (cousin of Elaine Williams), Phyliss King (friend of Donna Montague), Matthew Olech (nephew of Greg and Kathy Meyers), Sally Owen (former member), Linda Robinson (friend of Norma Liebenberg), Adam Thomas (great nephew of Betty and Noel Lehner), Gary Whitehead (husband of Judy Whitehead), Bob Willard (Elaine Williams' nephew).

*Note: Please let the church office know of updates to the prayer list.*

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### THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE (1/9/22-1/15/22)

Sunday	9:00 a.m.	Church School
	10:00 a.m.	Combined Worship
	11:00 a.m.	Mission Trip Meeting
Tuesday	9:00 a.m.	Parish Nurse
Wednesday	9:30 a.m.	Days for Girls
Thursday	9:00 a.m.	Parish Nurse
	Noon	BB&B
Friday	9:00 a.m.	Knitters

**2022 Flower book is ready for everyone to sign – up for your special date. The book is in Knohl Hall/Gathering Room between the two chairs.**

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### Announcements:

#### Music for the church?

The children will have rehearsal **Sunday's, 11:15 AM** immediately following the worship service and will meet in the Choir Room. All children aged 5 through 12 are invited to come. AND any young person aged 13 and older is also invited to come to talk with our Music Director, Rosalie Hovencamp, about singing with the adult choir.

A young person need not be a member of SPC to come and sing with us. All are welcome.

Choir/Band meets every **Monday for practice at 6:30 p.m. – 8:15 p.m.**

If you have a young person who you will bring to this meeting / rehearsal OR have additional questions, please contact Rosalie Hovencamp by email at: [rosencamp81@hotmail.com](mailto:rosencamp81@hotmail.com)

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We need to schedule **ushers** for the next several months and we could use more volunteers to join us. This is a great way to meet the congregation and become more acquainted with your church family. Please look at your calendars and see what Sundays you would be available to assist us and then please call me call or send an email. Thank you for all your support. Blessings, Peggy Fouts

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**MISSION TRIP COMING!** Our church is sending a group on a Mission Trip to Arkansas, mainly to help prepare disaster relief supplies. The trip will be March 6-12 of this next year. We already have several people interested in going but, it is not too late. Join us this **Sunday, January 9<sup>th</sup>**, right after the morning worship service (in Pastors Hall), to hear details about the trip – including the what, where and why as well as costs involved. **Deadline for commitments is next Sunday, January 16, 2022.** For questions speak to or contact Richard or Susan Caldwell (882-7916).

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Our **Tiny Library** is a wonderful resource for the parents/children in our community and the Deacons are asking if you have extra children's books you aren't still using, please consider donating them. Deliver them to the church office any time. Thank You!

## **We Want To Adopt A Highway and Need Volunteers!**

The Men of The Church would like to involve our Church in the Adopt-a-Highway program. This is a great opportunity to serve our community and to bring attention to the Church as an integral part of the community. Our commitment would be 4 times a year for 2 years to pick up trash along South Walnut to Wells Highway, about 2.2 miles. Please email Chip White at [chipwhite66@gmail.com](mailto:chipwhite66@gmail.com) (preferred) or call 843-709-0043 if you are interested in participating. So, let's go get some vitamin D and exercise while helping our community."

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## **Our Health & Wellness Committee will present an Adult Mental Health Workshop**

**Saturday, January 29, 2022, from 9:00 am-4:00 pm in Pastors Hall.** This course is for anyone age 18 or older who would like to learn more about mental health issues. Information about depression, anxiety, trauma, psychosis, and addiction disorders will be presented in a format that enables the participant learners to respond in a helpful way to someone who may be developing a mental health issue or experiencing a crisis. Ways to de-escalate a crisis situation will be a helpful part of this course. Two certified instructors, Carrie Zimmerman LSW and Aleca Queen LPC, both local to Oconee County, will be able to provide local referral sources. A book, used in class, will be yours to take home as a reference in the future. Cost for the course, to include a manual and certificate of completion, is \$22 and due when you sign up. Lunch will be provided by H & W Committee. Attendance is limited to 15 people so please call SPC office soon to register. If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to Parish Nurse Ernie Lombard or Elizabeth Hartman.

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## **Christian Education Study Opportunities**

We have one **Adult Class** that meets in the classroom #1 (Sara Davis' Classroom). The leaders, Dan Toole, and Betty Lehner, discuss various chapters of the Bible with good discussion from the attendees.

We have **Children's Sunday School** downstairs in the Education Building. We welcome the children to gather together each Sunday morning before worship for Sunday School lessons, stories, videos, music, and time together exploring God's word for us! The three classes, Grade K-3, Grade 4-5, and Middle School meet in the downstairs classrooms. Come at 8:50 for a snack and enjoy time with your friends and teachers from 9:00 to 9:45.

## **Brown Bag and Bible Study (BB&B)**

BB&B meets at noon each Thursday in the Sara Davis Stribling classroom. "*You Were Made For This Moment*" by Max Lucado is the present study. The class began on January 6th. For more information, you may contact Dian Yanessa 882-0282 or [scdiany@gmail.com](mailto:scdiany@gmail.com)

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## **BABY ON THE WAY!!!**

Join us as we 'Shower' Liz and Chad

**Sunday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> @ 11:00 (after church service) In Pastors Hall**

Baby boy Laxton is expected to arrive March 17<sup>th</sup>.

Come join us for Light refreshments, baby gifts and to share in the joy of this Big event for our church family.

Their baby registry is on Amazon.

Go to Amazon.com Type Baby Registry Scroll down and click on 'Find Baby Registry'

Type in the name GINGER POPE (this is Liz's Mother). The registry should pop up.

If you have any problems, call Dian Yanessa, Donna Absher, or Vicki Andy.

**RSVP: by January 16<sup>th</sup>.**

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**FIFTH SUNDAY PEANUT BUTTER** – Every fifth Sunday this congregation presents an offering of peanut butter that will be given to the Golden Corner Food Pantry. Peanut butter is wonderfully nutritious but also too expensive to purchase in bulk, so your contributions are greatly appreciated. Don't forget your peanut butter on Sunday, January 30<sup>th</sup>.

## Eleventh SPC Women's Retreat

We are excited to announce that our eleventh women's retreat will finally happen **March 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> 2022**. If you have not been on a retreat with us, please consider joining us for time away from the everyday and to make new friends, rest, relax and enjoy God's beautiful creation.

The retreat will again be held at Asbury Hills Retreat Center in Cleveland, SC. We will gather in the late afternoon on Friday and spend 24 hours together, then return home, refreshed, and renewed, on Saturday afternoon. The cost is **\$98** for overnight accommodations, including bedding and towels, and three meals - dinner on Friday, breakfast, and lunch on Saturday. We are also asking for an additional **\$20** toward an honorarium for our leader, Elizabeth Hartman. If cost is an issue, full or partial scholarships are available from Presbyterian Women and from the Christian Education committee. For information about scholarships please contact Kathy Gerner, CE moderator.

To reserve a spot, please fill out the form below and return to the church with your check for **\$118** made out to **Seneca Presbyterian Church with "Women's Retreat 2022" on the memo line**.

We have two cabins available; please indicate which you prefer. Batson is larger and closer to the Dining Hall. Creekside is smaller and a little bit farther to the Dining Hall. All rooms offer individual beds and a private bath. There is a single room available (in Creekside), four rooms that sleep three people, and the others are doubles. If you have roommate preferences, please also indicate that.

Contact Brenda Thomson at 864-723-9031 or abthomson@charter.net if you need additional information or have any questions.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

Lodge preference: Batson \_\_\_\_\_ Creekside \_\_\_\_\_

Room preference: Single \_\_\_\_\_ Double \_\_\_\_\_ Triple \_\_\_\_\_

Roommate(s) \_\_\_\_\_

*The single room will be reserved on a first come, first served basis Additional requests for single rooms may be accommodated if all double rooms are not filled.*

Interested in carpooling: Willing to drive \_\_\_\_\_ Want a ride \_\_\_\_\_